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IN RESPONSE PARA 3 REFTTEL, FOLLOWING IS DRAFT TEXT OF
SECRETARY WEINBERGER'S REMARKS AT CENOTAPH CEREMONY, WHICH
ARE SUBJECT TO MODIFICATION BY SECRETARY AND HENCE SHOULD
NOT BE DISTRIBUTED WITHOUT SECRETARY'S APPROVAL. QUOTE:

IT IS AN HONOR FOR ME TO BE WITH YOU TODAY TO
REPRESENT THE PRESIDENT AND THE PEOPLE OF THE UNITED
STATES OF AMERICA IN PAYING HOMAGE TO THE MEN AND WOMEN OF
OUR TWO COUNTRIES WHO SACRIFICED SO MUCH IN TIME OF WAR
IN ORDER THAT WE MIGHT CONTINUE TO LIVE IN PEACE AND
FREEDOM. WE SHALL ALWAYS REMEMBER AND HONOR THEM.

IN PAYING HOMAGE TO THOSE TO WHOM WE OWE SO MUCH, WE
REAFFIRM THOSE FUNDAMENTAL VALUES IN WHICH WE BELIEVE AND
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WE RE-DEDICATE OURSELVES TO THE SEARCH FRO PEACE AND TO A

BETTER LIFE FOR MANKIND EVERYWHERE.

WE AMERICANS KNOW THAT IT IS INDISPENSABLE TO GLOBAL STABILITY AND PROGRESS THAT THE UNITED STATES CONTINUE TO PLAY A RESPONSIBLE, ACTIVE AND STRONG ROLE IN WORLD AFFAIRS. WE INTEND TO DO SO. WE WILL STAND BY OUR FRIENDS AND WE WILL NOT SHRINK FROM OUR RESPONSIBILITIES IN THE YEARS AHEAD. WE ARE A STRONG AND RESILIENT PEOPLE AND WE SHALL RETAIN THE WILL TO USE OUR POWER IN SUPPORT OF OUR TREATY ALLIES OF WHOM AUSTRALIA AND NEW ZEALAND ARE AMONG OUR OLDEST AND CLOSEST FRIENDS. NO ALLY SHOULD DOUBT OUR STEADFASTNESS.

WE LIVE IN AN INTERDEPENDENT WORLD. NONE OF US CAN BE SECURE, NONE OF US CAN PROSPER AND NONE OF US CAN ADVANCE UNLESS WE ALL DO SO TOGETHER.

OUR TWO GREAT NATIONS IN THE PACIFIC WITH OUR UNIQUELY CLOSE AND LONG RELATIONSHIP ARE A KEY TO PEACE AND PROGRESS IN ASIA AND THE PACIFIC, AND WE HAVE MUCH TO CONTRIBUTE TO HELP MEET THE PROBLEMS WHICH CONFRONT THE WORLD AT LARGE.

AHEAD OF US LIES A NEW AGENDA OF ISSUES WHICH PRESENT NEW AND DIFFICULT CHALLENGES. THE UNITED STATES AND AUSTRALIA MUST WORK TOGETHER TO FACE THE GLOBAL PROBLEMS OF TOMORROW.

OUR TWO COUNTRIES ARE AMONG THE FEW MAJOR FOOD SURPLUS NATIONS IN THE WORLD AND IT STANDS TO REASON THAT OUR TWO COUNTRIES, WORKING TOGETHER AND WITH OTHER NATIONS, WILL BE MAJOR ALLIES IN THE WAR AGAINST POVERTY AND FAMINE. WE ARE BOTH STRONG AND COMPASSIONATE PEOPLES, DEDICATED TO HUMANITARIAN VALUES, AND I AM CONFIDENT THAT WE SHALL DO OUR PART IN HELPING OUR FELLOW HUMAN BEINGS IN THEIR STRUGGLE AGAINST HUNGER AND ADVERSITY.

IN CLOSING, I WISH YOU TO KNOW THAT THIS IS AN OCCASION OF DEEP PERSONAL SIGNIFICANCE TO ME AND MRS. WEINBERGER. IT WAS AUSTRALIA WHICH FIRST BROUGHT US TOGETHER --
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IN THE COURSE OF THE SECOND WORLD WAR. AND WE ARE DEEPLY GRATEFUL TO HAVE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO REVISIT AUSTRALIA AFTER SO MANY YEARS AND SEE AT FIRST HAND THE SPECTACULAR PROGRESS WHICH AUSTRALIA HAS ACHIEVED OVER THE YEARS. WE FEEL A SPECIAL BOND OF AFFECTION FOR AUSTRALIA AND FOR OUR AUSTRALIAN FRIENDS, AND IT IS A GENUINE PLEASURE FOR US TO JOIN WITH YOU IN COMMEMORATING THE ENDURING BONDS OF FRIENDSHIP AND PARTNERSHIP BETWEEN OUR TWO

COUNTRIES. KISSINGER

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